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Summary of transactions of service during the month of October, 1903.

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| Vessels inspected..... | 12 |
| Bills of health issued..... | 18 |
| Passengers inspected (incoming)..... | 59 |
| Passengers inspected (in transit)..... | 320 |
| Crew inspected..... | 518 |
| Vessels in quarantine..... | 2 |
| Immigrants inspected..... | 45 |
| Rejection..... | 0 |
| Passengers detained in quarantine..... | 0 |
| Pieces of baggage disinfected..... | 0 |

Report of immigration at Ponce.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Torres reports, October 31, as follows:

Number of alien passengers arriving at Ponce during the week ended October 31, 1903.

| Date of arrival. | Vessel. | Where from. | Number of immigrants. |
|------------------|----------------|---|-----------------------|
| Oct. 25 | Pio IX..... | Barcelona, Palma de Mallorca, Valencia, Málaga, Cadiz, Las Palmas, Santa Cruz de Tenerife, San Juan, P. R., Mayaguez, P. R. | 16 |
| 28 | Maracaibo..... | Maracaibo, Curaçao, La Guaira..... | 1 |
| | Total | | 17 |

Report of alien passengers arriving at Ponce during the week ended November 7, 1903.

| Date of arrival. | Vessel. | Where from. | Number of immigrants. |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Nov. 4 | French steamship St. Domingue..... | Fort de France, Pointe a Pitre, Basse Terre, St. Thomas. | 2 |
| 5 | Venezuelan schooner Rosa Elena | Curaçao | 2 |
| | Total | | 4 |

TURKEY.*Cholera at Diarbekir.*

Consul Norton, at Harput, reports, October 15, to the Department of State as follows:

Notes from the Harput consular district.

October 13, 1903, cholera: On October 8 I was advised by my French colleague at Diarbekir and by the German physician resident there that cholera had broken out in that city on September 29. Since then there was an average of 5 deaths daily, chiefly in the Turkish quarter. The outbreak seems to be due to the ease with which people coming from Uria, where cholera has been epidemic for some time, are able to bribe the quarantine guards. Cholera has been prevalent for some time at Severek, halfway from Uria to Diarbekir, and the fruits of Severek are sold daily in the Diarbekir market place. H. E. Nazim Pasha,